

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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The week of May 13th is **AmeriCorps Week!!!** This is the first time a week will be dedicated to highlighting the good work that thousands of people do across the country to improve the lives of many. Indiana, of course, has a long history of helping each other and AmeriCorps is just one way that Hoosier Hospitality is demonstrated. From the building of homes through Habitat for Humanity to the rebuilding of lives through AIM, Indiana AmeriCorps members are contributing to the strengthening of our state. A big THANK YOU is deserved for the AmeriCorps State and AmeriCorps VISTA members in Indiana.

Thank You!

AmeriCorps Week is Coming!

During the first-ever AmeriCorps Week, AmeriCorps and its nonprofit and community partners across the country will thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for the impact they've had, acknowledge the many contributions of public and private community groups to the program, and urge more Americans of all ages and backgrounds to sign up for a year of service in AmeriCorps.



Visit <http://www.americorps.gov/about/ameriCorpsweek/index.asp> for more information.



SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S GREAT AMERICAN BAKE SALE WILL LAUNCH ON MAY 19

Share Our Strength, one the nation's leading organizations working to end childhood hunger in America, is launching the Great American Bake Sale campaign on May 19. Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale mobilizes Americans to help end childhood hunger by holding bake sales in their communities. To get involved and help ensure that the 12 million children at risk of hunger in America have they nutritious food they need to learn, grow and thrive, visit <http://www.greatamericanbakesale.org>.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-Maya Angelou



Do you know a living American Veteran of World War I?

(April 4, 2007) With the number of known living American veterans of World War I now standing at four, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking public assistance in determining whether others are still alive.

"These veterans have earned the gratitude and respect of the nation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "We are coming to the end of a generation that helped bring the United States to the center of the international arena."

Nicholson noted that VA usually knows about the identity and location of veterans only after they come to the Department for benefits. None of the four known surviving World War I veterans has been on the VA benefits rolls.

The Secretary asks members of the general public who know of a surviving World War I veteran to contact VA. To qualify as a World War I veteran, someone must have been on active duty between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918. VA is also looking for surviving Americans who served in the armed forces of allied nations.

Information about survivors can be e-mailed to ww1@va.gov; faxed to 202-273-6702, or mailed to the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs (80), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420.

About 4.7 million men and women served in the U.S. armed forces during World War I. About 53,000 died in combat, with another 204,000 wounded.

The four known surviving World War I veterans are John Babcock, 102, from Puget Sound, Wash.; Frank Buckles, 106, Charles Town, W.Va.; Russell Coffey, 108, North Baltimore, Ohio; and Harry Landis, 107, Sun City Center, Fla.

Babcock is an American who served in the Canadian Army. The other three survivors were in the U.S. Army.

Cultivating Hope, Creating Opportunity: Impactful Youth Development

June 26, 2007, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Indiana Government Center South Auditorium

302 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dr. Michael A. Carrera has spent almost fifty years in the community working as an educator with young people and families. Throughout his career, Dr. Carrera has designed and helped implement 50 long term, holistic adolescent pregnancy prevention programs in twenty states throughout the country. Since 1970, Dr. Carrera has directed the Adolescent Sexuality and Pregnancy Prevention Program for the Children's Aid Society in New York. He has received awards from Advocates for Youth, SIECUS, Columbia University, Planned Parenthood Sexuality Educators of America, and the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists. Dr. Carrera is the Thomas Hunter Professor Emeritus of Health Sciences at Hunter College of the City University of New York and Adjunct Professor of community medicine at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. For more information about his upcoming workshop, go to

<http://www.hcet.org/events/youthdev.htm#reg>





Social Security and Faith-Based Organizations Team Up to Promote *Extra Help* for Medicare Prescription Drug Costs

This Mother's Day, Social Security and faith-based organizations are teaming up to show people how they can help their loved ones get assistance with their Medicare prescription drug costs. Information about *extra help* that can pay part of monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments will be available in many places of worship throughout the U.S.

"The high cost of medicine can be a burden on people who have limited income and resources" said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "This Mother's Day show someone you love how much you care. Tell your loved one about the *extra help* that is available to pay part of their Medicare prescription drug costs and then help them apply. The *extra help* could be worth more than \$3,000 per year."

To find out if a loved one is eligible, Social Security will need to know their income and the value of their savings, investments and real estate (other than the home they live in). To qualify for the *extra help*, they must be receiving Medicare and have:

- ◆ Income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. Even if their annual income is higher, they still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if they or their spouse:
 - Support other family members who live with them;
 - Have earnings from work; or
 - Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- ◆ Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. Social Security does not count their house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application at www.socialsecurity.gov that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. People can also apply by phone at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit their local Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).



Indiana Black Expo, Inc has three easy ways to register as a volunteer!

- 1) Sign up on-line at www.indianablackexpo.com.
- 2) Download the form from the Web site and fax it to (317) 925-6624.
- 3) Stop by the IBE office and complete an application.

Being a volunteer with IBE offers:

- Cultural awareness to the community
- Behind the scenes action
- A commemorative Summer Celebration t-shirt
- An opportunity to be part of IBE's legacy

SIGN UP NOW!

For more information, call (317) 925-2702 or send an e-mail to vwalker@indianablackexpo.com.

MARK **YOUR** CALENDAR!

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION DATES

Tuesday, May 22

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

East 38th Street Public Library

Youth Volunteers Only

Thursday, May 31

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Glendale Mall Public Library

Monday, June 4

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Glendale Mall Public Library

Tuesday, June 26

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Glendale Mall Public Library

VOLUNTEER WALK-THRU

Tuesday, July 17

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Indiana Convention Center



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